



**PAL News**  
Spring 2006

*PAL News* is a periodic newsletter of the Abington Police Athletic League to keep supporters informed of PAL program developments and activities.

## Pitch Hit & Run Competition Sends Two to Phillies



for their best time.

Two competitors were especially successful and are advancing to the next level of competition at a Phillies game. If they continue to do exceedingly well, they can go on to compete at the All-Star game in Pittsburgh this summer. Pitch Hit & Run is sponsored by Pepsi® and Major League Baseball®.

Boys and girls who wanted to test their pitching, hitting, and running skills in a competition with potential for advancement were invited to Abington PAL's Pitch Hit & Run event held at Alverthorpe Park on a Saturday in mid March. This event gave young people the opportunity to compete in age categories to pitch strikes to a designated strike zone target, hit a ball off a stationary tee for distance and accuracy, and run from second base, tagging third, to home plate

Perhaps just as important as this competitive event was what it revealed about the needs of our young people. There are kids in Abington who have not had the opportunity to learn basic baseball skills. Being able to

join in pick-up games or organized sports opens more doors for them to spend their time positively. As a result, Officer Shawn Gargan will run a baseball clinic at PAL beginning the weekend of June 10<sup>th</sup>. This will provide a great opportunity for the police to interact with boys and girls and teach them the skills to enjoy playing an all-American sport.



## 2004 Chief's Circle Members

Individuals and businesses who wish to help Abington PAL maintain a foundation for its programming can become members of each year's Chief's Circle by making an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to Abington PAL. These people and businesses are honored annually on a bronze plaque displayed in the Township Building and receive a number of special opportunities, including breakfast programs with the Chief. In appreciation of their generous support, this year's members were recently presented with all-weather jackets bearing the Chief's Circle badge and their name embroidered on the front. They are:



**Lt. George Megelsh (left), Commander, Community Policing Division; Chief William Kelly (back); and PAL President Lew Klein (right) with some of the 2004 Chief's Circle members modeling their new jackets: Julie Greenbaum, Thomas Paul, Barbara Jacobs, Pat Scott, Elaine Faulker, Harold Grier, Dave Peterson, and Janet Klein.**

Ben & Lorraine Alexander  
Ellington & Lorraine Beavers  
Best Buy  
Elaine K. Faulkner  
Dr. Charles & Julie  
Greenbaum  
Harold N. Grier  
Charles & Barbara Kahn, Jr.  
Philip & Patricia Kind  
Lew & Janet Klein  
Russell Koerwer, Chelton  
Hills Savings Bank  
Hal & Audrey Krisbergh  
James & Christine Lenehan  
Bob, Steve, & Ted Makris,  
Alexander's Fine Food &

Spirits, Inc.  
Thomas Paul  
Charles E. Peterson, Jr.,  
Bryner Chevrolet  
Sam's Club  
Mrs. Joseph Scott  
Edward Sickles  
Michael Sloane, The Sloane  
Automotive Group  
Eric Sussman, Sussman  
Automotive  
Robert White, Abington  
Bank  
Roger & Janice Wolf, Fox  
Chase Bank

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**Mark Your 2005 Calendars for Abington PAL's  
Fourth Annual Golf Outing on Monday, April 25.**

## Volunteer Shares Thoughts on PAL

# Second Annual Food Festival Raises \$51,000

The Second Annual International Food Festival, Abington PAL's major fundraiser, was held at Huntingdon Valley Country Club in

early October. Hundreds of community members turned out to sample the great variety of culinary offerings from 30 area restaurants,

place bids on a lovely array of silent auction items and services, and enter the drama of an exciting live auction. This event raised

\$51,000 for PAL's growing programs that serve hundreds of teens each weekend. Plans are already in motion for the 2005 event on Tuesday, October 11. So put this date on your calendar now for a super night out with community leaders, friends, and neighbors.



Top left, clockwise: Mums provide a festive musical welcome to arriving guests; Riviera D'Italia offers tasty treats; the porch bustles with people sampling various restaurant dishes; Alexander's presents some menu favorites; Chief William Kelly takes center stage on the balcony overlooking the ballroom to introduce the live auction as auctioneer Jim Bickley (left) PAL President Lew Klein, and Sgt. Dan Buckley prepare to describe great opportunities; the crowd gathers for lively bidding.

## Police Athletic League

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## Rita's Water Ice Brings Cool Treat to Abington PAL

What could be more welcome than a Rita's water ice on a hot summer night? Before closing for the season, Randi and Joe Schaller, owners of Rita's Water Ice in Abington and Glenside, delighted several hundred kids at the Glenside-Weldon and Willow Hill Elementary School PAL sites by giving each one a coupon for a free water ice at one of the two locations.

Abington PAL is always grateful when area businesses and individuals choose to support this community program with their special gifts of fun activities and tickets to sporting or other events. If you have an idea you would like to pursue, please contact Community Policing at 267-536-1071.



**Pictured here is Rita's owner Randi Schaller (right), PAL Coordinator Mel Rice (left), and Officer Bob Hill, Sr. (back, second from right) with Willow Hill kids.**